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CONGEN/NAVCOMMUNIT JOINT MESSAGE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS ET  
SUBJECT: THREAT TO AMERICANS AT KAGNEW

1. AT THE REQUEST OF COL YILMA, SECOND DIVISION G-3, OIC NAVCOMM-UNIT AND CISCO PROJECT MANAGER MET WITH YILMA AND TWO OF HIS COLLEAGUES. YILMA INFORMED OIC THAT HE HAD RECEIVED A REPORT FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED INFORMANT THAT THE INSURGENTS WERE PLANNING TO "HARM" AN AMERICAN FROM KAGNEW TRACT ECHO. WHILE HE WAS NOT CERTAIN AS TO THE VALIDITY OF THE REPORT, COL. YILMA APPEARED QUITE CONCERNED, AND OFFERED TO ASSIST OIC IN WHATEVER MEASURES THEY JOINTLY DEEMED NECESSARY TO ENHANCE SECURITY. OIC SPECIFIC-CONFIDENTIAL

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ALLY ASKED IF THIS REPORT WAS RELATED TO THE INCIDENT ON THE NIGHT OF DEC. 19 WHICH GUARDS OF AMERICAN-OCCUPIED RESIDENCES AT THE BARATTOLO ESTATES WERE INVOLVED IN A FIREFIGHT WITH INSURGENTS. COL. YILMA ASSURED THE OIC THAT THIS WAS ENTIRELY UNRELATED TO THIS INCIDENT.

2. THERE WERE TWO AREAS OF VULNERABILITY WHICH YILMA IDENTIFIED AS REQUIRING FURTHER SECURITY; 1) THE RESIDENTIAL TRACT ADJACENT TO TRACT ECHO AND 2) THE ROAD BETWEEN TRACT ECHO AND TRACT BRAVO. FOR THE FORMER, IT WAS AGREED THAT ACCESS TO THE RESIDENTIAL TRACT WOULD NOW BE CONTROLLED THROUGH THE AMERICAN-OCCUPIED SIDE OF TRACT ECHO. ALL OTHER ACCESS GATES WOULD BE BLOCKED OFF. HE FURTHER INDICATED THAT HE WOULD INCREASE SECURITY MEASURES IN THE AREA INCLUDING ROVING PATROLS OUTSIDE THE RESIDENTIAL TRACT. AT PRESENT THERE ARE EIGHT FOOT WALLS AROUND THE RESIDENTIAL TRACT CONSTRUCTED OF CONCRETE TOPPED BY BARBED WIRE, AS WELL AS LIGHTING IN THE GENERAL AREA.

3. RE THE ROAD BETWEEN THE TRACTS, YILMA SUGGESTED THAT AMERICANS NOT PICK UP HITCH-HIKERS, EVEN THOSE IN UNIFORM AT THE VARIOUS CHECKPOINTS AND TO REPORT ANY ATTEMPTS BY HIS TROOPS TO FLAG DOWN AMERICANS ON THIS ROAD. AS TO OTHER MEASURES, HE IMPLIED THAT HE WOULD ALERT THE EPMG FORCES IN THE AREA TO BE PARTICULARLY CAUTIOUS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

4. CISCO EMPLOYEES AND NAVCOMMUNIT PERSONNEL ARE BEING INFORMED OF THE THREAT, AND ARE BEING INSTRUCTED TO TAKE EXTRA PRECAUTIONS BOTH IN THE RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AND IN TRAVELLING TO AND FROM THE TRACTS. AN INSPECTION OF ALL RESIDENCES IN THIS TRACT IS BEING CONDUCTED TO ENSURE THERE ARE NO EXPLOSIVES OR UNAUTHORIZED PERSONNEL WITHIN THE TRACT. OIC WILL AGAIN EXAMINE SECURITY MEASURES AT THE RESIDENTIAL SITE ADJACENT TO TRACT ECHO BEFORE CURFEW ON THE EVENING OF DEC. 23. YILMA SAID HE WOULD COOPERATE IN ANY WAY POSSIBLE TO IMPROVE THESE MEASURES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT EXISTING MEASURES ARE ADEQUATE TO PREVENT AN ATTACK BY INSURGENTS WHO MIGHT INFILTRATE INTO THE RESIDENTIAL

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SITE, AND SECOND DIVISION PATROLS SHOULD DISCOURAGE ANY EXTERNAL THREAT. OIC AND PROJECT MANAGER WILL CONTINUE TO EVALUATE EXISTING SECURITY MEASURES IN AN EFFORT TO IDENTIFY ANY PRECAUTIONS TO FURTHER ENHANCE OVERALL SECURITY.

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